

10/565688

IAP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 24 JAN 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. Miyano et al.

Attorney Docket No.: NAII127017

Title: SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

January 24, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to computation of the claim fee and examination of this application, please amend the application as follows.

LAW OFFICES OF  
CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR JOHNSON KINDNESS<sup>LLC</sup>  
1420 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 2800  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
206.682.8100